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FRANKFURT FOR REGIONAL POUCH CENTER

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SUBJ: PILOT STRIKE SUSPENDED

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1. THE ITALIAN NATIONAL PILOT'S ASSOCIATION (ANPAC) SUSPENDED
IT'S SERIES OF "ARTICULATED" STRIKES AGAINST ALITALIA/ATI ON
JULY 30. DURING THE STRIKE THE PILOTS ANNOUNCED ON 24 HOUR
NOTICE WHICH FLIGHTS WOULD OR WOULD NOT LEAVE. AS A RESULT
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MANY FLIGHTS CARRIED ONLY 15-20 PASSENGERS. ANPAC

STATED THAT THE SUSPENSION WAS "TO ALLOW THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO SEE THE SITUATION MORE CLEARLY". THE PRESS VIEWS THE SUSPENSION AS A POSITIVE STEP WHICH ALLOWED ITALIAN AIR TRANSPORTATION TO RETURN TO NORMAL. IT NOW APPEARS THAT NEW MIN. OF LABOR TINA ANSELMINI WILL TRY TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ANPAC AND THE ASSOCIATION OF CIVIL AIR EMPLOYEES (FULAT), WHICH IS A BRANCH OF THE LARGE FEDERATION OF LABOR (CGIL, CISL, UIL).

2. ANPAC REMAINS FIRM IN ITS DEMANDS THAT IT REMAIN AN INDEPENDENT UNION. FULAT CONTINUES TO DEMAND A SINGLE CONTRACT FOR THE AIR INDUSTRY. CGIL SECRETARY MARIANETTI HAS WARNED THE GOI THAT ANY DEAL WITH ANPAC COULD FORCE A UNION WIDE ACTION BY THE CGIL.

/COMMENT/. WHILE AT PRESENT THE SUSPENSION ALLOWS ALITALIA/ATI TO RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATIONS, THE THREATENED FULL FULAT-CGIL STRIKE, IF CARRIED OUT, WOULD HAVE A SERIES OF HARMFUL EFFECTS, INCLUDING SHUTTING DOWN ALL TERMINAL OPERATIONS IN ITALY FOR BOTH ALITALIA/ATI AND FOREIGN CARRIERS. ALITALIA LOST 60 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1975 AND WAS SAID TO LOSE 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS EVERY DAY OF THE RECENT STRIKE. IN ADDITION TO DISRUPTION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION SCENE, A NEW STRIKE WOULD BRING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE NEW, MINORITY ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT. VOLPE

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